

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1-10. (Canceled)

11. (Currently Amended) A method for producing identification cards using a plurality of card issuance machines that are located in a plurality of locations, wherein the card issuance machines are communicably coupled to an enterprise server through an enterprise network, the method comprising the steps of:

generating a request in a client process to produce an identification card wherein said request includes information regarding a type of card to be produced;

transmitting said request from said client process to ~~the an~~ enterprise server ~~process~~ through an enterprise network to manage the production of said identification card;

evaluating a rule set and placing the request into one of either a card issuance component queue where cards are ready for immediate production and or into a production queue for later production based on the evaluation, wherein the rule set includes card type criteria and location criteria, and further comprising linking said request based at least in part on the requested card type and a location where the request originated to one of the card issuance component queue and the production queue; and

forwarding said request from said card issuance component queue to a card issuance controller process coupled to ~~the a~~ plurality of card issuance machines ~~components~~ for production of the identification card;

producing the identification card using one of the card issuance machines.

12-13. (Canceled)

14. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 11 wherein the production queue includes production requests for later processing, and further comprising;
receiving instruction from an administrative user to process requests in said production queue; and
transferring said request from said production queue to said card issuance component queue.

15-16. (Canceled)

17. (New) A method for producing identification cards using card issuance machines which are located at a variety of separate locations, the method comprising the steps of:
transmitting a request from a client computer system to an enterprise server system, wherein the request is to produce an identification card of a certain type;
at the enterprise server system, evaluating the request, including the card type and a location where the request originated, to determine where and when the request to produce the identification card can be fulfilled, wherein the determination further includes evaluating where card issuance machines are located and available for producing the identification card;
if the evaluation indicates that the card is ready for immediate production, placing the request into a card issuance type queue for immediate production of the card using one of the card issuance machines;
if the evaluation indicates that the card is not ready for immediate production, placing the request into a production type queue for later processing; and
producing the card from the card issuance type queue or the production type queue using one of the card issuance machines.